

What is claimed is:

1. An analysis element cartridge for containing therein a dry analysis element and setting the element into an analysis apparatus, comprising an element housing
5 chamber for holding therein the dry analysis elements,

wherein the element housing chamber is open at the top thereof and comprises:

an element charging port for receiving supplementary dry analysis elements which is defined by
10 the open top of the element housing chamber; and

cutouts which are formed in at least two adjacent sides of the analysis element housing chamber so as to extend downward respectively from at least two adjacent side edges of the element charging port which
15 are the top edges of the analysis element housing chamber.

2. An analysis element cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the downwardly extending cutouts are formed in three edges of the element charging port.

3. An analysis element cartridge according to claim
20 2, wherein posts defined between adjacent cutouts are formed lower in height than the wall with no cutout.

4. An analysis element cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the cutouts serve as paths for fingers holding therebetween the dry analysis element when the dry
25 analysis element is loaded into the analysis element

cartridge.

5 5. An analysis element cartridge according to claim
2, wherein the cutouts serve as paths for fingers holding
therebetween the dry analysis element when the dry
analysis element is loaded into the analysis element
cartridge.

10 6. An analysis element cartridge according to claim
3, wherein the dry analysis element is loaded in the
cartridge while abutting the front end of the dry analysis
element against the wall with no cutout.

7. An analysis element cartridge according to claim
2, wherein the cutouts in the left and right sides are
deeper than the cutout in the rear side.

15 8. An analysis element cartridge according to claim
3, wherein the cutouts in the left and right sides are
deeper than the cutout in the rear side.